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SUBJECT: CHILD CARE POLICY CHANGES

CROSS REFERENCE: Child Day Care Manual
BWSP Operations Memo 00-04 and 00-71

EFFECTIVE DATE: Administrative Rule Chapter DWD 56, "Administration of Child Care Funds", became effective January, 2001.

PURPOSE

This memo identifies changes in the Administrative Rules Chapter DWD 56, "Administration of Child Care Funds".

BACKGROUND

DWD 56 now:

1. Indicates that foster care and kinship care payments will no longer be counted in the income eligibility or copay calculations for child care.
2. Incorporates the current copay policies of:
 - a. zero copay foster care and court ordered kinship care children
 - b. 50 percent copay for children authorized for 20 hours or less per week
 - c. minimum copay for the first month when a parent has left a W-2 employment position for unsubsidized employment

FOSTER CARE AND KINSHIP CARE PAYMENTS NOT COUNTED IN THE CHILD CARE INCOME TEST

Effective February 1, 2001, CARES no longer counts foster care payments in the child care income test. Foster care payments will be included in the child care income test for months prior to February 2001.

CARES never included kinship care payments in the income test and will continue not to count kinship payments in the child care income test.

CHILD CARE COPAY POLICIES NOW INCORPORATED IN ADMINISTRATIVE RULE

Two changes made to the child care copay table in March 2000 are incorporated into rule language.

1. Families with children who are authorized for child care assistance for 20 hours or less are subject to 50 percent of the copay amounts for those children.
2. Also, parents who have left a W-2 employment position for unsubsidized employment are subject to the minimum copay amount for the first month of the unsubsidized employment.

The rule also incorporates the zero copay policy for foster care and court ordered kinship care children that went into effect on October 23, 2000.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES INTERNET SITE

Administrative Rule DWD 56 Administration of Child Care Funds can be downloaded from the website at <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/rsb/code/dwd/dwd056.pdf> .